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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 24-50 as set forth below.

Listing of Claims

- 1. 50. (Canceled)
- 51. (Currently Amended) A method of positioning an ablation device within a body comprising:

providing an ablation tool having an elongated body and a flexible electrode disposed between at least two arm members on a distal end of said ablation tool, said flexible electrode being more flexible than said at least two arm members;

directing said distal end of said ablation tool to a target tissue area within said body;

expanding said flexible electrode;

contacting said flexible electrode to substantially conform to a surface of said target tissue area;

ablating at least a surface of said target tissue area;

The method of claim 37, further comprising:

pivoting one end of said flexible electrode around an opposite end of said flexible electrode;

contacting said flexible electrode to a new surface of said target tissue area; ablating said new surface of said target tissue.

- 52. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 51, further comprising a repetition of said pivoting, said contacting and said ablating until said target tissue is fully ablated.
- 53. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 51, wherein said opposite end of said flexible electrode is fixated in said target tissue with a needle during said pivoting.

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54. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 51, wherein prior to said pivoting, a needle in said opposite end of said flexible electrode is extended to penetrate said target tissue and thereby stabilize said opposite end of said flexible electrode.

55. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 51, wherein prior to said pivoting, both said end and said opposite end of said flexible electrode are stabilized in said target tissue with a needle.